

PISHILL WITH STONOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at The Village Hall, Russells Water on Tuesday, 17th January 2012

Present: Mr. T. Dunn Chairman
Mr. S. Stracey Vice-Chairman
Mr. P.G. Godfrey
Mr. R. Hunt
Mrs. D. Newell
Mrs. P. Pearce Parish Clerk

Also present: PCSO Colin Boyes, Thames Valley Police
2 members of the public: Mrs. S. Reed, Dr. B. Snell

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Colin Boyes and members of the public.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence None.
2. Declaration of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the Agenda None
3. Public participation session with respect to items on the Agenda None.
4. County Councillor Roger Belson
The Chairman paid tribute to County Councillor Roger Belson following the sad news of his death on Boxing Day 2011. Mr. Dunn particularly noted that Councillor Belson took great interest in the community and acted for the general good. A letter of condolence is to be sent to Councillor Belson's widow. PP
Mr. Dunn reported that Councillor Belson's private family funeral had taken place, and a memorial service will follow shortly, the details of which are to be announced. ALL
5. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 29th November 2011 These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
6. Matters arising from Parish Council Meeting held on 29th November 2011 None.
7. Thames Valley Police - PCSO Colin Boyes
PCSO Boyes reported that a Speed Indicator Device will be located within the Parish on 25th January 2012 and asked the councillors to identify any particular areas of speeding concern. It was agreed that the B480 near to The Crown, Pishill, was an area which should be targeted, and this was noted by PCSO Boyes.
Regarding Neighbourhood and Countryside Watches, these are distinct from Dog Watch and receive their information separately. If delays are experienced, parishioners are encouraged to contact Carol Rudd of 01235 556 937..
PCSO Boyes had received a report of threatening behaviour on a bridle path by a quad bike rider. The bridleway has been visited by a police patrol.
'Operation Festive' will be launched shortly to combat crime throughout the rural neighbourhood, specifically hare-coursing and similar activities. Thames Valley Police do not have any 4 x 4 vehicles available, but the helicopter could be used.
The Clerk, with the help of Cllrs. Hunt and Stracey, will forward a parish map to PCSO Boyes showing the landowners/farmers of land within the Parish. PP/RH/SS
If parishioners have any concerns regarding non-urgent crimes, they are asked to **DIAL 101**.
8. Planning Applications

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| P11/E1701 | Beech Barn, RW | SODC approval. |
| P11/E1871/ex | Whitfield Bungalow, RW | SODC approval. |
| P11/E2044 | Deers Leap, M ³ gve | PC refusal; SODC decision awaited. |

8. Planning Applications (cont)
 P11/E2079,2080LB Stonor Arms - sat.dish,lightng cndctr. PC approval, SODC approval awaited.
 P11/E2177/A/20891b Stonor Arms - signs PC approval, subject to sign No.4
 being moved closer to the entrance,
 SODC approval awaited.
 Brackenhurst, RW Mrs.Newell reported that the site
 spoil had been buried appropriately.
 PE.00237/10 Cookley Hill Farm, M'gve The Clerk reported that SODC will
 not be acting further until the 18
 months compliance has expired.
 To be monitored. b/f

9. Finance
 The Clerk reported that the balance at Barclays Bank stands at £1809.53.
 Proposed purchase of new edition of Charles Arnold-Baker 'Local Government Administration';
 the Clerk reported that a new edition is expected within the next 12 months, and it was agreed
 to postpone purchase until this is available. b/f
 Replacement backing board to Maidensgrove notice board; this is 'self-healing' board and the
 Clerk is currently attempting to locate a supplier. An alternative type of backing will be
 provided if it is not possible to obtain a replacement. PP
 The Chairman agreed to complete the SODC Corporate Strategy Budget consultation and return. TD
 The Clerk had received a competitive insurance quotation for the forthcoming year, totalling
 £225.00 from Zurich Municipal. The Councillors instructed the Clerk to contact the current
 insurance providers, Broker Net Work (Aviva) to see whether this figure could be matched;
 the current year being £277.29. PP
 After discussion, it was agreed that the application by the Citizens' Advice Bureau should
 remain as the previous year, and a cheque for £30.00 was drawn accordingly.
 Cheques drawn at the meeting:
 Ch.no: 100376 Village Hall, Russells Wtr (mtg hire 2 hrs @ £6.00) £ 12.00
 100377 P.A. Pearce (Clerk's wages Dec+Jan @ £202.15 pm + £20 tel exps) £424.30
 100378 Citizens' Advice Bureau (2011/12 donation) £ 30.00

10. H.M. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012
 There was general discussion on the provision of suitable celebration arrangements and it was
 agreed that the proposed barbecue should take place at White Pond Farm on Sunday, 3rd June
 from 3.30 for 4.00. The suggested cost of the tickets was £15.00 per person, with children of 12
 and under and persons over 80 years to be free of charge. The tickets will cover all food and all
 drinks, a tractor ride and a free commemorative mug for all children aged 12 and under residing
 in the Parish at the time of the Jubilee. Parishioners are to be asked whether they would support
 children's events at the Barbecue, such as races, fancy dress etc. Mr. Julian Blumfield had agreed
 to produce 150 invitations for the sum of £50 (covering printing costs), which the Parish Council
 gratefully accepted. Cllr. Godfrey had sourced a commemorative mug and it was agreed that this was a
 most attractive example, and was asked to order sufficient for the children, and to explore the possibility
 that additional mugs could be made available for other members of the Parish, if they so wish. PGG
 The Clerk is to contact Swyncombe and Watlington Parish Councils to ascertain whether they will PP
 also be providing commemorative items for their parishioners, as otherwise it is intended that
 Pishill with Stonor PC will endeavour to provide eligible children with a similar mug.
 Regarding the Jubilee Beacon to be lit on Monday, 4th June, the Clerk will write to Lord Camoys PP
 asking whether it would be possible to place the beacon by the Hatch Lane corner, with parking on the
 opposite side of the road. A taped-off area would be provided by Cllrs. Hunt and Stracey, and a 900-litre
 water bowser will be on site (Cllr.Hunt). It was agreed that parishioners should be asked to bring
 their own refreshments to the event (excluding barbecues, which are prohibited on the Common).
 Mrs.Newell will conduct a Risk Assessment for the event and the Clerk will then contact the DN/PP
 insurers.
 A Parishioner had suggested that the Parish should plant a commemorative oak tree, available from
 The Woodland Trust. These saplings have been raised by the Crown Estates and it is understood .../3

10. H.M. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 (cont)
 that they are free of charge to local organisations. If this is not the case, Cllr. Hunt offered to provide an oak sapling. Cllr. Hunt may also have a suitable metal tree guard available. RH
 After discussion, the Clerk was asked to contact Lord Camoys to enquire whether he would be willing to allow the proposed sapling to be planted on Maidensgrove Common near the Hatch Lane corner, or at any other suitable location of his choice. PP
 The Clerk is to produce a 'save the date' flier for delivery to all households within the Parish and those homes bordering the Parish in Maidensgrove, Russells Water and Pishill. PP
11. Communication - The way forward for the Parish Council
 Cllr. Godfrey reported progress on the proposed website. A short-list of providers has been drawn up, comprising two dedicated parish council web providers and one non-dedicated. No decision has yet been made on these.
 There is a short list of easy-to-use websites, with two parish council websites and one non-parish council, but all are easy to use.
 The aim is to keep the processes simple, easy to update and easy to use.
 There are a number of technical issues to address, i.e. hosting, ownership etc, and the next step is to discuss options with website providers and to ask for prices.
 A meeting between Cllr. Godfrey, Mrs. Reed and Dr. Snell and one of the providers has been arranged on 19th January 2012. b/f
12. SODC Corporate Plan Consultation
 Cllr. Stracey had completed and returned this consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.
13. Roads
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| a) | Ditches near Stonor | As promised by OCC, it had been expected that these would be cleared during December, but due to the equipment being used by West Oxfordshire District Council, the work cannot be carried out until January. During the intervening time, the Clerk had vigorously complained. | b/f |
| b) | Potholes in RW/Mgve | Some of these have been repaired, but the Clerk is to write again to press for further work to be carried out, particularly near to the Five Horseshoes, Maidensgrove. | PP |
| c) | 2012 Triathlon | Cllr. Godfrey is to attend a meeting at Henley Town Hall on Wednesday, 22 nd February. | PGG |
| d) | Removal of Quince Tree hoarding | Cllr. Dunn had contacted the owners and the hoarding had been removed accordingly. | |
| e) | Rock salt | Cllrs. Hunt and Stracey had kindly delivered rock salt to various areas within the Parish (i.e. Park Lane, Church Hill) which had been placed in temporary bins. | |
14. Commons Report
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| a) | Driving on commons | Nothing to report. | |
| b) | Driving in fields | Mr. Carr's land had been affected, with gates being left open in fields at Hollandridge containing sheep, plus driving around fields next to the B480 between Stonor and Pishill. | |
15. Footpaths Report
 Nothing to report.
16. Refuse & Waste Management
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| a) | Removal of asbestos | Mr. Trower had been contacted by Cllr. Stracey, who had been informed that Mr. Paul Evelyn would be dealing with the matter. | |
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16. Refuse & Waste Management (cont)

- b) Litter Blitz 2012 Cllr.Hunt will co-ordinate the litter blitz for 2012, which will take place on the weekend of 10th and 11th March. RH
Cllr.Hunt will organise from the end of Stonor village to Park Lane. RH
Cllr.Stracey will organise from Park Lane to Hollandridge. SS
Cllr. Dunn will organise Hollandridge Lane. TD
Cllr. Godfrey will organise Pishill. PGG
Cllr. Newell will organise Maidensgrove and Russells Water. DN
The Clerk will arrange for refuse sacks to be delivered from Verdant, PP
with collection of litter blitz rubbish from Upper Assendon Farm.

17. Townlands Hospital

Cllr.Newell reported that the new hospital plans should be available for public inspection in May 2012. It had been reported that the Sue Ryder Home in Nettlebed would transfer its services to the new Hospital during 2014. b/f

18. Information Pack This had been circulated and the new pack issued.

19. Any other business a) The Clerk was asked to enquire of OALC whether it will be permissible for meetings to be held in the Conference Room at the Quince Tree, Stonor, when it is opened. PP

20. Items for Parish Magazines Details of the Parish Diamond Jubilee arrangements and the Litter Blitz PP

21. Date and Place of next meeting Re-arranged to 20th March 2012, 7.00 p.m., The Village Hall, Russells Water - to be confirmed. PP

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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Chairman.